

# History of the County of San Diego Flag



On February 18, 1957, the Board of Supervisors adopted an official flag for the County of San Diego (as shown on the left).

The flag features the County seal on a field of white, bordered at the top by a band of red, and at the bottom by a band of green, significant of the territory of San Diego County having been under the control of King Charles of Spain, the Republic of Mexico, the

Republic of California, and the United States of America.

The County flag was designed by Mrs. Estelle Secor, a former County employee in the Road Department. In 1956, a committee composed of Mr. John Davidson, County Purchasing Agent Mr. Verne Gehringer, and Director of Parks and Recreation Mr. Cletus Gardner, conducted a study for the design of an official flag for the County. Mr. Gardner wrote in a memo to the Board on February 14, 1957 that "One of the original reasons for this [sic] designing was to have an official County flag hanging in the Board Chambers." The Board formally adopted a drawing of the flag on February 18, 1957. Mrs. Secor presented the completed, hand-sewn flag to the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 1957.

Later in 1962, the Board directed that the hand-fabricated official flag of the County by Mrs. Secor, be thoroughly cleaned and permanently enclosed in a glass case in the Board Chamber. The original County flag is still on display in the Board Chamber, Room 310 at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101.

The United States flag, State of California flag, and County flag are all displayed at most County facilities.

The following is a copy of the resolution approving the County flag.

Re Adoption of the Official  
County Flag.....

ON MOTION of Supervisor Howell, seconded by Supervisor Dent, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego, State of California:

WHEREAS, in accordance with a previous direction from the Board, authorizing the Chairman to proceed with preparation of an official County flag, there now is presented a letter from the Director of Recreation stating that a committee headed by Mr. John Davidson, and including the County Purchasing Agent, Verne Gehringer, submits an emblem designed by Mrs. Estelle Secor, a County employee, which emblem is now ready for the Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation is present and displays the original drawing of the flag design and introduces Mrs. Secor to the Board members; and

WHEREAS, the flag features in color the emblem of the official County Seal on a field of white bordered at the top by a band of red and at the bottom by a band of green significant of the territory of San Diego County having been under the control of King Charles of Spain, the Republic of Mexico, the Republic of California and the United States of America; NOW

THEREFORE

IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Board hereby adopts as the official County flag the emblem designed by Mrs. Estelle Secor and extends to Mrs. Secor a vote of commendation for her fine work.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego, State of California, this 18th day of February, 1957, by the following vote: AYES: Supervisors Gibson, Bird, Dent, Austin and Howell  
NOES: Supervisors None    ABSENT: Supervisors None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
County of San Diego, } ss.

I, R. B. JAMES, County Clerk of the County of San Diego, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution passed and adopted by said Board, at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is now on file in my office; that the same contains a full, true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Board of Supervisors, this 18th day of February, A. D. 19 57.

R. B. JAMES  
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.  
By: *W. J. Macaulay* Deputy.

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